

*Please provide the following information, and submit to the NOAA DM Plan Repository.*

**Reference to Master DM Plan (if applicable)**

*As stated in Section IV, Requirement 1.3, DM Plans may be hierarchical. If this DM Plan inherits provisions from a higher-level DM Plan already submitted to the Repository, then this more-specific Plan only needs to provide information that differs from what was provided in the Master DM Plan.*

URL of higher-level DM Plan (if any) as submitted to DM Plan Repository:

**1. General Description of Data to be Managed****1.1. Name of the Data, data collection Project, or data-producing Program:**

2018-2019 NOAA NGS Topobathy Lidar Hurricane Irma: Miami to Marquesas Keys, FL

**1.2. Summary description of the data:**

The NOAA Hurricane Irma Supplemental Topobathymetric LiDAR Project area data were collected by Quantum Spatial, Inc. (QSI) using three Riegl systems: a Riegl VQ-880-G+, a Riegl VQ-880-GII, and a Riegl VQ-880-GH. The NOAA Hurricane Irma project acquisition dates spanned from 20181120-20190323 in 85 missions. This project dataset includes topobathymetric data in a LAS format 1.4, point data record format 6, with the following classifications in accordance with project specifications and the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) classification standards:

- 1 - unclassified
- 2 - ground
- 7 - noise
- 40 - bathymetric bottom or submerged topography
- 41 - water surface
- 43 - submerged feature
- 45 - water column
- 46 - overlap bathy bottom - temporally different from a separate lift
- 71 - unclassified associated with areas of overlap bathy bottom/temporal bathymetric differences
- 72 - ground associated with areas of overlap bathy bottom/temporal bathymetric differences
- 81 - water surface associated with areas of overlap bathy bottom/temporal bathymetric differences
- 85 - water column associated with areas of overlap bathy bottom/temporal

bathymetric differences

1 Overlap - edge clip

Please note that classifications 46,71,72,81, and 85 associated with temporal bathymetric differences have only undergone automated classification and have not been manually reviewed.

This data set also includes LiDAR intensity values, number of returns, return number, time, and scan angle. The 100 meter buffered project area consists of approximately 1,381,270 acres and stretches from the eastern coast of Miami, south and westward to the Marquesas Keys. LAS files were compiled in 500 m x 500 m tiles. This complete project dataset is comprised of 23,926 - 500 m x 500 m LAS tiles.

**1.3. Is this a one-time data collection, or an ongoing series of measurements?**

One-time data collection

**1.4. Actual or planned temporal coverage of the data:**

2018-11-20 to 2019-03-23

**1.5. Actual or planned geographic coverage of the data:**

W: -82.22, E: -80.082921, N: 25.800918, S: 24.435024

**1.6. Type(s) of data:**

*(e.g., digital numeric data, imagery, photographs, video, audio, database, tabular data, etc.)*

Model (digital)

**1.7. Data collection method(s):**

*(e.g., satellite, airplane, unmanned aerial system, radar, weather station, moored buoy, research vessel, autonomous underwater vehicle, animal tagging, manual surveys, enforcement activities, numerical model, etc.)*

**1.8. If data are from a NOAA Observing System of Record, indicate name of system:**

**1.8.1. If data are from another observing system, please specify:**

**2. Point of Contact for this Data Management Plan (author or maintainer)**

**2.1. Name:**

NOAA Office for Coastal Management (NOAA/OCM)

**2.2. Title:**

Metadata Contact

**2.3. Affiliation or facility:**

NOAA Office for Coastal Management (NOAA/OCM)

**2.4. E-mail address:**

coastal.info@noaa.gov

**2.5. Phone number:**

(843) 740-1202

**3. Responsible Party for Data Management**

*Program Managers, or their designee, shall be responsible for assuring the proper management of the data produced by their Program. Please indicate the responsible party below.*

**3.1. Name:****3.2. Title:**

Data Steward

**4. Resources**

*Programs must identify resources within their own budget for managing the data they produce.*

**4.1. Have resources for management of these data been identified?**

Yes

**4.2. Approximate percentage of the budget for these data devoted to data management (specify percentage or "unknown"):**

Unknown

**5. Data Lineage and Quality**

*NOAA has issued Information Quality Guidelines for ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information which it disseminates.*

**5.1. Processing workflow of the data from collection or acquisition to making it publicly accessible**

*(describe or provide URL of description):*

Process Steps:

- 2020-04-01 00:00:00 - Data for the NOAA Hurricane Irma LiDAR project was acquired by Quantum Spatial (QSI) using Riegl VQ-880-GII, Riegl VQ-880-GH, and Riegl VQ-880-G+ Topobathy LiDAR systems. All LAS data is referenced to: Horizontal Datum-NAD83(2011) epoch: 2010.00 Projection-UTM Zone 17N Horizontal Units-meters Vertical Datum-GRS80 Ellipsoid Vertical Units-meters  
This project dataset encompasses 23,926 - 500m x 500m tiles in south Florida and the Florida Keys. The collected LiDAR data were immediately processed in the field by QSI to a level that will allow QA/QC measures to determine if the sensor is functioning properly and assess the coverage of submerged topography. An initial SBET was created in Applanix POSPAC MMS 8.3 SP3 and loaded into RiProcess which applies pre-calibrated angular misalignment corrections of scanner position to extract the raw point cloud into geo-referenced LAS files. These files were inspected for sensor malfunctions and then passed through automated raster generation using LAsTools to develop an initial assessment of bathymetric coverage.

QSI reviewed all acquired flight lines to ensure complete coverage and positional accuracy of the laser points. These rasters were also used to create an initial product in Quick Look Coverage Maps. These Quick Look files are not fully processed data or final products but provide rapid assessment of approximate coverage and depth penetration. QSI resolved kinematic corrections for aircraft position data using aircraft GNSS and Applanix's proprietary PP-RTX solution. When PP-RTX was not used QSI conducted static Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) ground surveys (1 Hz recording frequency) using base stations over known monument locations during flights. After the airborne survey, static GPS data were triangulated with nearby Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS) using the Online Positioning User Service (OPUS) for precise positioning. Multiple independent sessions over the same base station were performed to confirm antenna height measurements and to refine position accuracy. This data was used to correct the continuous onboard measurements of the aircraft position recorded throughout the flight. A final smoothed best estimate trajectory (SBET) was developed that blends post-processed aircraft position with attitude data. Using the SBETs, sensor head position and attitude were then calculated throughout the survey. PosPac MMS 8.3 SP3 was used for these processes.

- 2020-04-01 00:00:00 - Following final SBET creation, QSI used RiProcess 1.8.5 to calculate laser point positioning by associating SBET positions to each laser point return time, scan angle, and intensity. Terra 19 and LasTools were used to classify water surface and create a water surface model. They are created for single swaths to ensure temporal differences and wave or water surface height variations between flight lines do not impact the refraction of the bathymetric data. These models are used in QSI's LasMonkey refraction tool to determine the accurate positioning of bathymetric points. All LiDAR data below water surface models were classified as water column to be refracted. Light travels at different speeds in air versus water and its direction of travel or angle is changed or refracted when entering the water column. The refraction tool corrects for this difference by adjusting the depth (distance traveled) and horizontal positioning (change of angle/direction) of the LiDAR data. Using raster-based QC methods, the output data is verified to ensure the refraction tool functioned properly. Once all data was refracted by flight line data was exported to LAS 1.4 format and combined into 500 m x 500 m tiles. Data were then further calibrated using TerraMatch. QSI used custom algorithms in TerraScan to classify the initial ground/submerged topography surface points. Relative accuracy of overlapping swaths was compared and verified through the use Delta-Z (DZ) orthos created using QSI's Las Product Creator. Absolute vertical accuracy of the calibrated data was assessed using ground survey data and complete coverage was again verified.

- 2020-04-01 00:00:00 - Post automated classification QSI then performed manual editing to review all classification and improve the final topobathymetric surface. QSI's LasMonkey was used to update LAS header information, including all projection and coordinate reference system information. The LiDAR data are in LAS format 1.4 and point data record format 6. The classification scheme of the

delivered LiDAR is as follows: 1 - Unclassified 2 - Ground 7 - Noise 40 - Bathymetric Bottom or Submerged Topography 41 - Water Surface 43 - Submerged feature 45 - Water Column 46 - Temporal Bathymetric Bottom 71 - Overlap Default 72 - Overlap Ground 81 - Overlap Water Surface 85 - Overlap Water Column 1-Overlap - Edge Clip

- The NOAA Office for Coastal Management (OCM) received files in laz format. The files contained lidar elevation and intensity measurements. The data were in UTM Zone 17 coordinates and ellipsoid elevations in meters. OCM performed the following processing on the data for Digital Coast storage and provisioning purposes: 1. Converted from UTM Zone 17 to geographic coordinates 2. Sorted by gps time. 3. Moved data from class 46 and 72 to class 22 and classes 71, 81 and 85 to class 1 The final classification scheme is as follows: 1 - Unclassified 2 - Ground 7 - Noise 22 - Temporal Exclusion 40 - Bathymetric Bottom or Submerged Topography 41 - Water Surface 43 - Submerged feature 45 - Water Column

**5.1.1. If data at different stages of the workflow, or products derived from these data, are subject to a separate data management plan, provide reference to other plan:**

**5.2. Quality control procedures employed (describe or provide URL of description):**

## 6. Data Documentation

*The EDMC Data Documentation Procedural Directive requires that NOAA data be well documented, specifies the use of ISO 19115 and related standards for documentation of new data, and provides links to resources and tools for metadata creation and validation.*

**6.1. Does metadata comply with EDMC Data Documentation directive?**

No

**6.1.1. If metadata are non-existent or non-compliant, please explain:**

Missing/invalid information:

- 1.7. Data collection method(s)
- 3.1. Responsible Party for Data Management
- 5.2. Quality control procedures employed
- 7.1.1. If data are not available or has limitations, has a Waiver been filed?
- 7.4. Approximate delay between data collection and dissemination
- 8.3. Approximate delay between data collection and submission to an archive facility

**6.2. Name of organization or facility providing metadata hosting:**

NMFS Office of Science and Technology

**6.2.1. If service is needed for metadata hosting, please indicate:**

**6.3. URL of metadata folder or data catalog, if known:**

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/inport/item/63017>

**6.4. Process for producing and maintaining metadata**

*(describe or provide URL of description):*

Metadata produced and maintained in accordance with the NOAA Data Documentation Procedural Directive: [https://nosc.noaa.gov/EDMC/DAARWG/docs/EDMC\\_PD-Data\\_Documentation\\_v1.pdf](https://nosc.noaa.gov/EDMC/DAARWG/docs/EDMC_PD-Data_Documentation_v1.pdf)

**7. Data Access**

*NAO 212-15 states that access to environmental data may only be restricted when distribution is explicitly limited by law, regulation, policy (such as those applicable to personally identifiable information or protected critical infrastructure information or proprietary trade information) or by security requirements. The EDMC Data Access Procedural Directive contains specific guidance, recommends the use of open-standard, interoperable, non-proprietary web services, provides information about resources and tools to enable data access, and includes a Waiver to be submitted to justify any approach other than full, unrestricted public access.*

**7.1. Do these data comply with the Data Access directive?**

Yes

**7.1.1. If the data are not to be made available to the public at all, or with limitations, has a Waiver (Appendix A of Data Access directive) been filed?**

**7.1.2. If there are limitations to public data access, describe how data are protected from unauthorized access or disclosure:**

**7.2. Name of organization of facility providing data access:**

NOAA Office for Coastal Management (NOAA/OCM)

**7.2.1. If data hosting service is needed, please indicate:**

**7.2.2. URL of data access service, if known:**

<https://coast.noaa.gov/dataviewer/#/lidar/search/where:ID=9081>

[https://coast.noaa.gov/htdata/lidar4\\_z/geoid18/data/9081](https://coast.noaa.gov/htdata/lidar4_z/geoid18/data/9081)

**7.3. Data access methods or services offered:**

Data is available online for bulk or custom downloads

**7.4. Approximate delay between data collection and dissemination:**

**7.4.1. If delay is longer than latency of automated processing, indicate under what authority data access is delayed:**

**8. Data Preservation and Protection**

*The NOAA Procedure for Scientific Records Appraisal and Archive Approval describes how to identify, appraise and decide what scientific records are to be preserved in a NOAA archive.*

**8.1. Actual or planned long-term data archive location:**

*(Specify NCEI-MD, NCEI-CO, NCEI-NC, NCEI-MS, World Data Center (WDC) facility, Other, To Be Determined, Unable to Archive, or No Archiving Intended)*

NCEI\_CO

**8.1.1. If World Data Center or Other, specify:****8.1.2. If To Be Determined, Unable to Archive or No Archiving Intended, explain:****8.2. Data storage facility prior to being sent to an archive facility (if any):**

Office for Coastal Management - Charleston, SC

**8.3. Approximate delay between data collection and submission to an archive facility:****8.4. How will the data be protected from accidental or malicious modification or deletion prior to receipt by the archive?**

*Discuss data back-up, disaster recovery/contingency planning, and off-site data storage relevant to the data collection*

Data is backed up to tape and to cloud storage.

**9. Additional Line Office or Staff Office Questions**

*Line and Staff Offices may extend this template by inserting additional questions in this section.*